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NOTES

EAST GERMANY - INDIA: New Delhi will announce today that it is establishing diplomatic relations with East Germany. The Indians had contemplated this action for some time, and moved now in the belief that their action will have minimal effect on inter-German negotiations and their own relations with West Germany. Bonn, which has been informed of New Delhi's decision, reportedly plans to react in a low-key fashion. The Indian action will encourage Pankow in its efforts to gain recognition from other non-aligned nations, but is not likely to have an immediate effect on the East German quest for observer status in the UN General Assembly.

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IRAQ: The nationalized Iraq Petroleum Company (IPC) will soon announce that it is going to extend to the end of this year the deadline for mediation of its dispute with Baghdad. The moratorium on legal action against purchasers of the nationalized crude oil also will remain in effect through December. IPC is trying to avoid a showdown with the Iraqi Government while Western oil companies are still negotiating with the Arab Persian Gulf states, including Iraq, on their participation in company operations. These discussions, with Saudi oil minister Yamani representing the Arab Persian Gulf states, are now in their final stages and a tentative agreement was reached yesterday. Both sides hope that the participation agreement will provide a precedent that could lead to a settlement between Iraq and IPC.

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IRAN - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: The Shah of Iran and the President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheik Zayid, have decided to establish normal diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors. The Shah had threatened to withdraw recognition by 30 September unless Zayid ceased his propaganda attacks on the Iranian occupation of three Persian Gulf islands--Abu Musa and the two Tunbs--late last year. Zayid had been encouraged in his attacks by radical Arab states which hoped to reduce Iran's influence in the gulf. The Shah, for his part, wants the cooperation of the lower gulf sheikdoms in maintaining political stability in the area. The establishment of relations is a setback for Iraq, which has sought to prevent Iran from exercising influence on the Arab side of the gulf.

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